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To [illegible] 1112 / 19476 No 13 1112

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Edward Saunders Esqr

President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

~~Recd~~ this I have this day recd Mr Secretary Harrington's letter of the 27 ulto ~~with its Inclosure~~ covering an Extract of your Proceedings dated 18 Decr 1794.

Permit me to Represent your Direction Respecting the Pollams of Deedanaputty & Sundagur as the Atrocious Conduct of Gopia Naigue makes it impracticable ~~to~~ to put the Pollam of Deedanaputty under a Company's Manager without an armed force being employed, In Respect to the Widow of Rajaula Naigue you will be pleased to Observe according to the Laws & Customs of the Polagars here no Woman can manage or appoint a Manager but must adopt the nearest of Kin to her late husband who nominates the Manager; should you approve of her Adopting ~~Dadoo~~ Nulla Dadoo, he jointly with the consent of the Widow will appoint such Pradanie as the Company may approve & give immediate Security for the Payment of this Years Kist and as they would have the

Support

Support of all the other Polygars I see no reason to suppose any probability of trouble Ensuing —

I must here Observe that there are daily Complaints coming in agt. Gopaul Naique who professes himself totally Independent of all authority but having informed you fully on this Subject I have deemed it necessary previous to taking any steps Respecting Vedanaputty to wait your Determination respecting Sundagor as those Pollams join & unless some steps are taken agt. Gopaul Naique I am Convinced much of trouble would ensue to any Manager and to Vedanaputty whatever your orders may be they shall be Enforced to the best of my ability —

Respecting the Sequestry of Choohaunputty Polygar I have seen the the sooner You fully by the means I suggested —

I am
with Respect
Gentlemen
Your obt. Servt.
G.P.

Dindigul
30 March 1795

Village [illegible]

[illegible] that your [illegible] have [illegible]

the [illegible] [illegible] been [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

her [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

to [illegible] the Company [illegible] Money you will therefore [illegible]

by the [illegible]

Receipt of the Sunnd [illegible] Instance [illegible]

further [illegible] [illegible] the Balance due to

the Company [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Instantly [illegible]

of your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] your Conduct in

future [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Government [illegible] [illegible]

Your of your [illegible] —

[illegible]

Collector

[illegible]

4th March 1793

No 16

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President [illegible] Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

[illegible] to the Receipt of your [illegible] I

had taken means to ascertain the amount of the [illegible]

on the [illegible] Lands [illegible] an Account to be taken

of

of all religious Institutions that the [illegible] of the present

Assessment on the lands [illegible] to the [illegible] may be [illegible]

is now as it is [illegible] [illegible] Honor of

transmitting it for your [illegible]

[illegible] pleased to inform me

whether I am to grant a Sunnud [illegible] Polygar for this

[illegible] similar to those granted the other Polams(?) [illegible] the Polygar(?) has

not yet paid his [illegible] to Vakeel [illegible] for 1203 or 1204

but is ready to pay both [illegible] [illegible] into the

Company Treasury.

I cannot but observe Mr Wrangham has

been greatly deceived in Respect to the Polygar of Chocken

patty I have taken every means in my power to ascertain

the fact of his ever having been insane I am assured both

by his Pardani(?) & Vakeel that he is not Subject to Indis

position of any kind whatever I have Enquired from all

the other Vakeels of the other Polygars from the Principal inhabitants here

from all the [illegible] Servants from Comeen(?) Polly &

Appayee(?) Polly who were employed by Mr Macleod as

Tahsildars & who must have known at hand the fact

[illegible] as they all assure me that they never once

heard of such a Report & that neither the Present

Polygar

[illegible] which Possession was in Disposal of their Remains [illegible]

[illegible] there [illegible] to put in Execution the Order

contained in [illegible] Paragraph of your Directions. — The

young Man complains that his Pittance is over assessed

~~is Ready to [illegible] to any [illegible]~~ & only wishes the real

Value of his Pittance to be ascertained & is willing to abide

by any assessment [illegible] made on the order, He has been

under the Necessity of taking up Money constantly to pay

his Rents & alledges that he has at this time a Bazar Debt

against him for 3000 Pags for which he pays Interest at the Rate of 48 per Cent

per Annum Independent of Compound Interest &c. I am

Convinced the Man would do every thing in his Power to pay

his Rent but I am Equally convinced at present it is not

possible I shall immediately endeavour to get the Value

of his Pittance for your Information. The present Produce

is appropriated for Payment of Interest on his Debt

& amounts to nearly as much as his Tribute to the

Company — He is Consequently very poor but I shall

use every means in my power to secure the Company's

Revenue on the Ground on Account of the Company —

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most obedient

Dindigul

1st March 1795

[illegible]

5/4

Robert Clerk &c

Civil Surgeon

Sir

I have the Honor [illegible] Estimate of Probable Receipts of [illegible] for the Month of March

Dindigul [illegible] Your Obedient Servant

5th March 1795

No 19

Pala Mootoo Naigue, Naig of Chockampetty

I now send Subah Pelly to remain with you as an Sebundar on the Part of the Honble Company to be under your Control & give you every assistance in the Collection of the Country & to seize the Crops of any person interferes with the Crops or Stops the Grain he will order him to desist & if they do not obey Immediately inform me on the Subject —

Dindigul

6th March 1795

G.P.

Collector

No 20

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To

Villanda Naigue

Polygar of Pyfony

I understand that you have armed 1000 Men & purpose going to Bodee Naigs Palam, If you have any dispute with any Polygar you are to refer it to me & I will see Justice is done to both Parties, but you are on no Account to act in a Hostile manner, I therefore order you to desist from such Conduct

GP
Collector

Dindigul
6th March 1795

No 21

To

William Harington Esqr

Secy to the Revenue Department

Sir

I have Recd your Letter of the 28 ulto and will as soon as possible furnish you with the Statement shewing the Taxes &c on the Weavers in this District. — I have the honor to be

Sir
your obedt servt
GP

Dindigul
6th March 1795

No. 22.

To

William Harington Esqr

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Agreeable to the directions of the Board contained in your letter of the 20th Ultimo I have now the Honor to inform you that the price demanded for the Cutt Building I take the liberty of Recommending for a Cutcherry is two Thousand four Hundred Colly Chuckrums I have little knowledge of the Value of Building but must profess that to the best of my Judgment I think it worth that Sum, the Building is raised 3½ feet from the Ground & covers a Space of 85 by 54 the materials of which it is built are good the Walls two feet 3 Inches thick & the whole fine Chunamed both Inside & out, the Doors & Windows are Venetian the Doors 8 feet by 8 by 4f-2in. the Windows 6-6 by 4-2 the Verandah entirely surrounds the Building & is Supported by 24 Pillars also fine chunamed, they

an * [illegible] 4-0 in ~~circumference~~ circumference of 9-9 in height to bear a Tiled Roof, the Timbers large strong & good. I have taken the liberty of Enclosing a Rough Plan of the Buildings. I am &c &c

Sir

Your &c &c

Dindigul

8th March 1795

J.W.

No 25

To

Harington Esqr

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

As I find no particular directions here respecting the Advance of Cash to the Paymaster I have to Request you will be so obliging to inform me on the Subject much inconvenience arises from the mode adopted by Mr Vaughan — the Cash being forwarded from [illegible] by Gollahs Peons ~~accompanied~~ by the Company Shroff — At the last time I found bad? the Bags for the Paymasters disbursements for the Month of [illegible] S.P. 5739 .. [illegible] Pagodas 16204 9 of which he has this day returned S.P. [illegible] Pagodas 3250 Objected to by his Shroff — though the Money is perfectly good there is no doubt of his [illegible]

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[illegible] by the Sheriffs [illegible]

such large [illegible]

Obtained of the Paymaster [illegible] to enable him [illegible]

pay the [illegible] to the Sheriff [illegible] the Money [illegible]

his giving Bills for the Amount [illegible]

Madras, of necessary I have [illegible] Advantage

on the Subject [illegible] to object to it — You will much

oblige me by giving early directions on the Subject with the

Detachments for Agents [illegible] to their [illegible] which

I consume a very large Sum [illegible] for the [illegible]

without Drawing Bills for [illegible] [illegible]

Sanctioned of the Board [illegible] Day —

Enclosed [illegible] Mr Vaughan's

Rate of Exchange on the Paper [illegible] Madras ~~[illegible]~~

~~the day [illegible]~~ under date [illegible] instead of [illegible]

of this day [illegible]

I have the honor to be

Dear Sir

[illegible]

4th March [illegible]

[illegible signature]

No 27

To

Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr

Actg Secy to the Revenue Department —

Sir

I have this day received your letter of the 5th Instant

& Enclose an Indent of or Stationary &c for the ensuing year —

I am aware the quantity of Paper &c. will appear large

but as the whole of the Records are to be brought up of the

Circuity Correspondence with the Polygars as in Vakeenamas I do not think a

~~Smaller quantity would be Adequate to~~ more than adequate

to the Consumption —

I am

Sir

Your obt Servt

Dindigul

11th March 1795

GW

No 29

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the Honor to inform you that ~~Ayya~~

~~Naigue~~ Narrasim Naigue Polygar of Cunnivaudy died yesterday

he has left 3 Children the Eldest a Daughter, by his first

Wife. she remains a Widow and has one Daughter, by his Second

Wife

Wife he has 2 Sons the Eldest now 20 Named Andiapah Naigue and Considered as Heir to the Pollam my Enquiries respecting the Right by which each Polygar at present holds his Pollam is in great forwardness & I shall in a few days furnish you with the particulars as well as of those of Cunnyvaudy —

I have the Hon^r to be

Gentlemen

Dindygul
13th March 1795

Your Obed^t Ser^t

G W

N° 30

To
George Powney Esqr
Collector of the Southern Peishcush

Sir

I have Rec^d your letter of the 21 Ult^o & having Continued been in daily expectation of your informing me of the Annual amount of Tribute paid by ~~[illegible]~~ Ammee Naigue on Account of the Nabob — His Vakeel is here & professes his Readiness to pay me this amount which I am not Enabled to Receive untill I hear from you on the Subject — I have therefore to Request you will give me the Information required as early as possible — I have &c

Dindygul
13th March 1795

(Signed) G W

To
John Mitford Esqr
Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I transmit you my Accounts for the Month of February — I have the honor to be

Sir

[illegible] Your most obedient Servant

G. W.
Collector

Dindigul
15 March 1795

No. 36

To [illegible]

Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr [illegible]
acting Secy to the Revenue Department [illegible]

Sir

I have to acknowledge the Receipt of the Board's Letter of the 9th Instant and shall attend to their Directions & report to them on the Subject as soon as possible —

I have likewise to acknowledge the Receipt of your Letter of the 12 Inst — On my arrival here I found 4 Prisoners in the Rocks, It does not appear either upon such Record when or why three of them were Confined I understand from the Cutchery Servants

that

Coolypa a Pariar Man aged about 30 belonging to Ananda

Naigue Pillay was Confined about July last for stealing

a Brass [illegible] Bound, the Brass was recovered ~~& the~~

In Or about October last 2 Men Pyeny & Coolypa were

Confined for stealing Tin Shop a piece of Muslin Handkerchief

of an Empty Vengapory Bag there are other Prisoners

Pyeny is about 20 ~~years~~ old & Coolypa about 30 years old

Lingum, aged about 40, confined the 24th April 1794 for the Murder

of his Wife —

I Enclose a List of Jugs deposited in the Cutcherry

Cash Chest which I understand ~~are~~ were taken of the

Moneys of Others from the Body of the Deceased —

~~I have confined no person since~~

I have not any Prisoners in the Cutwalls

Chaultry

Vendaput

18th March 1795

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obt Servt

[signature]

0 24 [illegible] 13 Octr

1795

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Kombeidoor Naigue

Polygar of Vadagerry

You will [illegible] deliver up to Vencatasara Iyen the Renter of Ardeipatty, the Villages of Peermaun [illegible] [illegible]

Geo. Wynch

Collector

To No 28

Vallaraden Naigue

Polygar of Pylney

I Have Recd your two letters, you ought to be sensible that your present misfortune proceeds from your total disobedience to my orders, I repeatedly warned you of the Consequences that must ensue from such Contumacious Conduct, you are much mistaken in the Causes to which you attribute your present Confinement for had you paid your Kists Regularly & obeyed the orders of the Circar no private Debts could have endangered your Person or your Pollam — If yet you Complain of having been Plundered of all your Effects if this is true on a proper Representation you will have Justice done you —

G.W.

Collector

Dindigul [illegible]

No. 29

~~[illegible]~~ To

Amildar of Cumbum [illegible]

~~You will on receipt of this [illegible] you have not already taken possession of [illegible]~~

If you have not already taken Possession of [illegible] you will on the Receipt of this immediately Repair thither & take possession in the Company's name. If the Polygar makes any further objections or delay or [illegible] you will lose no time in acquainting me of it by [illegible] [illegible] Troops —

G.W.

Collector [illegible]

Dindigul

15th Oct. 1795

No. 87 — Milty. Correspondence

To

Lieut. Colonel Cuppage

Commanding at Dindigul

Sir

The Polygar of [illegible] [illegible] a Present for the [illegible] have sent a Complaint to me Alledging that he [illegible] Money [illegible] have

been plundered. It will be necessary for me to communicate with you on the Subject, you will therefore be so obliging as to forward all letters to me from any Person ~~on the Subject~~. You may perfectly rely on ~~your~~ all the letters —

I am &c &c

Sir

Your obed Ser

A W

C Munro

[illegible]

25 Octo 1795

To No. 89 Military Correspondence

Lt Col. Cuppage

Commanding at Dindigul

Sir

The Naig at the Cottwallee Chowltry by name Vencatachella Naig ~~kept took~~ seized last night the Cottwallee writer ~~[illegible]~~ for ~~[illegible]~~ of this Morning he has taken a Man that was ~~[illegible]~~ confined in the Chowltry by name Cartyn & carried him to Moatoputty — I have to Request that you will order this Capture to be immediately Investigated, that the Naig may answer for his Conduct — ~~The Naig has [illegible]~~ You must be sensible that the guard at the Cottwallee Chowltry are immediately under the orders of the Cottwallee & of the Sepoys on Guard such an assumption of Power as seizing Prisoners there is an [illegible] Police carried on in that place —

I am &c

Sir your mo [illegible]

A W Munro

Dindigul

15 Dec 1795

To No 31

John Mitford Esqr

Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I transmit you my accounts for September

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Dindygul

16 Octr 1795

Your obedt Servt

G W

To No 32

Robert Hughes Esqr

Paymaster at Madura

Sir

I have Received your letter of the 13 Instant and it [illegible] not to be in my power to Comply with any part of your Indent for this Month —

I have the Honor to be

Dindygul

Sir

16 Octr 1795

Your obedt Servt

G W

To   No 33

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 7 Instant with its Enclosure I Received on the 14th. Having duly Considered the mode proposed for the Regulating the Hire of Coolies I am of Opinion that it would be a very Salutary measure, Particularly in those Districts where the abuses Complained of are permitted — It has been my Study to prevent them in this District & not having Received one Complaint on the Subject it is the Fault of the Inhabitants if they have been oppressed — My own Coolies are Monthly Servants at 2 P[illegible] Pagoda per Month and no Batta — When Coolies are taken which frequently happens from Village to Village 2/4 Madras fanams is the Pay I have hitherto allowed — which I think Adequate to their trouble. It is Observable that as Coolies are [illegible] should always be provided by the Head Man of the Village it seldom happens that Cultivators are taken for this purpose —

It too often happens that Travellers from a mistaken Notion that the Circar makes no allowance for Coolies & Consider all Regulations tending to check Imposition of this kind as an assumption of power on the part of the Collector — The Orders of Government on this Subject by under [illegible] Publick would that

be very desirable —

I have the honor &c.

Gentlemen

Your obed^t Servt

Dindygul

16 Octr 1795

G.M.

No 36

To

George Sulivan Martin Esqr

Paymaster at Palamcottah

Sir

I have received yours of the 15 instant — it will not be in my power to comply with any part of your Indent for November

I have the honor &c.

Sir

Your obed^t Servt

Dindygul

17 Octr 1795

G.M.

Collector

No 37

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

Presid^t & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have received your letter of the 12 October with its Enclosures; the Rents of this District not Expiring until July 1799 the Proposed plan relative to granting Leases to the

Native Invalids of Pensioners cannot be carried into Execution until that period except in the Cumbum Tallook I shall take the Liberty of Observing that I conceive the Engineers Proposals respecting the quantity of Land to be extravagantly ~~too~~ ~~as that~~ Land Proposed on the Coast is Nearly Quadruple to that granted in Bengal — and in the Event of its taking place a Considerable Loss of Revenue must Ensue for example

Subadar	400 Cawnies at 57,600 Sq. feet pr Cawnie is		Khalis	—	1024
Jemidar	200	Do	Do	Do	512
Havildar	120	Do	Do	Do	307..4500 feet
Naig	100	Do	Do	Do	256
Sepoy	80	Do	Do	Do	204..18000

Agreeable to the Proposition in Bengal it would be a

Subadar	200 Begas of 29,040 Sq. feet pr Bega is		Khalis	—	258..3000 feet
Jemidar	100	Do	Do	Do	129..1500
Havildar	60	Do	Do	Do	77..9900
Naigue	50	Do	Do	Do	64..~~11257~~ 12000
Sepoy	40	Do	Do	Do	51..14100

As you Gentlemen have done me the Honor to ask my opinion on the Subject I should be Wanting in my duty if I did not Observe that I Consider the Extent of Land proposed taking that at the Bengal ~~Exchange~~ Estimate as more than Sufficient of that it must tend ultimately to a loss of Revenue — Naujar Lands are assessed to the Circar 1/2 Naujar and Punjar at 1/3 of Punjar at from 1/4 to 1/6 Scarcely any Land Except Cotton produce less than 28 Colly Sunaus per Khalis

Dec

Two Shillings therefore to the Labourer is nearly adequate to 1/2 Pagodas
per Month was 20 Koolies therefore allowed instead of 51..14/100 to the
Sepoys of a proportionate Increase to the Officer Commd. it would be
quite Sufficient & put them more than on a footing with Effective
Troops — The Mode the most Eligible in my opinion should you
adopt the Plan of Granting Lands I would be to allot a Portion
of Ground at the Bottom of the different ~~Passes~~ Passes into
this District — It was the Mode formerly adopted by Said Saib
who Stationed from 20 to 30 Peons at the Bottom of each Pass
allowing 10 Koolies of Land to each Man; this was the Mode I
purposed to Recommend as the most Eligible Plan to Prevent the
Inroads of the Colleries into this District — On this Subject
I shall have the Honor to Inform you very fully in a few days

Dkt [illegible] On my arrival here yesterday
I found the Pollam in much Confusion as Iyangar is State [illegible]
Balsundrum with a number of armed Peons — I have Endeavoured
to quiet the Minds of the Inhabitants by assuring them that
whatever may be the final determination of Government, they may
rest assured of Security both to their Persons & Property Should
expectation of the Principle Inhabitants comply [illegible] I shall
be Enabled to give you more Satisfactory Accounts —

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your most obedt. Servt.

[illegible]
21 October 1795

No 40

To

John Mitford Esqr

Accountant to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Your Letter of the 15 Inst. Conveying the Proceedings of a Board of Audit under date the 22 of October yesterday[?] brought to hand of the 20 Inst. - I have the Honor to Enclose my Reply

I am

Sir

Your obedt. Servt.

G.H.

Ceylon

22d October 1795

Here Enter A

To

No 41

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have the Honor to Enclose you a List of Depredations Committed by the Colleries - in Numbers from 1 to 7 - The Authenticity of which I believe may be Relied on in Respect to the Articles Stolen, altho' I am inclined to think some of them Particularized the Valuation are over Valued - No 8 is a Representation from the Inhabitants of Sandaguna or more properly Tyamenaugaon on the same Subject by No 9. 10. & 11 Representations from the

few

few Renters under Comanpilly — of the latter I can [illegible] any better from my own knowledge
The Loss is Estimated at Cotty Chuckrs 914.2.20 The Loss was Sustained previous to my Arrival, it may or may not be Southern but in Regard to the 17 Villages said to have been destroyed since the Company took Possession I should be very much obliged to Mr Macleod if I did not assure you that one only was destroyed after the District fell to the English — The following is the Real State of those 17 Villages

Vatelaleandeum

Pareyappa Nayaeu patty — destroyed previous to Said Saib's time
Sultora patty — In good condition, the Inhabitants do not sleep there for fear of the Collerries but Reside during the day & carry on the Cultivation
Cottah patty Destroyed previous to Said Saib's [illegible] Administration
Tandynayaeu Patty — Never was destroyed but the Inhabitants removed the Materials of their Houses to the distance of about ½ a Mile where they now reside — it is sometimes called Poodoly patty (new Patty) & some times by the Old Name
Rajaw Nayaew Cotta — destroyed during Mess Saib's time
Verawker patty — This Village was destroyed during the Mysore Government, the Oldest Inhabitants do not Recollect it —

Pollatummun patty - Returns Reinrolled by the Collys by the ... [illegible] 13

Rawmy Nagpatty - Not destroyed the Inhabitants stay in the day & Cultivate their Lands but do not Sleep there for fear of being Plundered by the Colleries

Cutta Cavuman patty - Was destroyed by the Colleries during the time Mr McLeod was Collector -

Metmungalum

Mungapatty - In good order but the Inhabitants do not Sleep in it for the Reasons assigned at Rawmy Nagpatty

Puttenum patty
Malkapatty } Were destroyed during the Mysore Government the Oldest Inhabitants do not Recollect either

Permy nagpatty - State in good order, the same Remark as at Rawmy Nagpatty Applying to it likewise

Vembapatty

[illegible] Yaundan patty
Mottra Yaundan patty
Rangoona Desiah patty } destroyed previous to the Memory of the Oldest Inhabitants -

Boodey Marathoopatty. In the Casbah ... never has been been destroyed it is in very good Repair altho' it is true that about 2 Months ago the Colleries attacked the Village & the Inhabitants in attempting to Rescue their Property lost Two Men who

who were killed by the Colleries, the Loss is Estimated at 300 Chucks Annually in Consequence of this Circumstance is entirely without foundation —

The Depredations Committed & Complained of have been Chiefly on the Road, the Person murdered was a [illegible] Peon Coming in to me with 300 Chucks the Money was saved by the Exertions of the poor fellow [illegible] by his Comrades who brought it safe in — I speak from my own knowledge when I say that the Roads from Dindigul to Cumbum are Rendered so dangerous from the frequent Robberys Committed by the Colleries that no Traveller can with Safety proceed alone — As a Temporary Resource I have ordered [illegible] Naigues to Watch Peons on the Road, and I am led to have the justice to say they have been very attentive & of good use — ~~I shall now~~

I shall now Gentlemen Submit to you my Opinion Respecting the Modes most likely to Abolish the grievance Complained of — Previously informing you that there are 8 Passes through which the Nattam Colleries descend to these Districts Independent of two Public Roads —

Names of Passes

Polli Comba [illegible] — In Guntup Naigues Pollam

Dodday Naigues [illegible] — The Head of these Passes belongs to a

[illegible]

Names of Passes

Madura Polygar the foot of these Passes is in the Andeepatty Talook - situated about 8 Malabar miles to the Eastward of Pella Comba Cunnoy

Peetyman Combay Cunnoy - In Ramburdoo Naygue Pollam 5 M. Miles distant from Doddy Naygue Cunnoy -

Alleymon Comba Cunnoy
Peethoo Cunnoy
Coondalamoodoohoo Cunnoy
} These three are in Sandayur g... called Yoganaygue Passes, they are situated at the distance of 1 Malabar Mile from each other

Neat Cunnoy
Kettoopatty Cunnoy
} In the Pollam of the Polygar of Ammanaygue

The two Pallie Roads lead immediately from the Andeepatty Talook into the Madura District & are called Timmanaigue Pass & Yata Coal Pass

I should propose that a Separate Moochilka should be taken from each of the Polygars in whose Pollams these Passes are situated binding him in a Certain Penalty to place Peons at the foot of each Pass - Prohibiting Travellers to Pass & repass before Sunrise or after Sun Set - Independent of which a Moochilka should be taken from such Polygars as receive Watchy fees making them Answerable for all depredations Committed in their Respective Villages or Lands to which their Watches -

In

Another Circar Land. I should propose that ~~one Cawley of~~ ~~Wet ground~~ 20 Peons were stationed at the foot of each Pass & 10 Cawleys of ground appropriated for each: this would in a short time admit an increase of Cultivation, & when it is Considered that a large a proportion of Land lays uncultivated I do not think that the Renters would have any right to Complain. Particularly as they are bound to keep up a Separate Sebbundy for the Protection of the Inhabitants. which any one of them at Present. Or at the Entrance of the Public Passes or Roads Revenue Sepoys should be stationed. Another Precaution might be Observed which is having a Patrole from Village to Village, this might be Effected by Stationing two Matchlock Peons at each Village on the High Road, men to be paid by the Circar or them by the Inhabitants, the Expence would be very trifling — Revenue Sepoys would be more desirable —

On a former Occasion I took the liberty of stating how very necessary I was that Troops should be Stationed up the Valley in the Circar Lands could this be Effected it would keep the Polygars in awe & ensure an ~~Observance~~ and their part of the Obligations they ente-

red

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ate - Could Seven Days be allotted for this Purpose it would be much more desirable than Regulars, as these Natives Could be Occasionally moved without the Enormous Expense of Bud[gets] they would answer all the Purposes of the Peons above mentioned

The Invalids are Inadequate to the Duty from their age & Infirmities altho' should the Plan of allotting Land for their maintenance be adopted they might be Stationed at the foot of the Passes with Advantage — I shall further take the liberty of Observing that as all the Colleries are Subjects of His Highness the Nabob & Pay a Tribute to Madura I am of Opinion that the Poligar has it in her Power to prevent all depredations — if any depredations are Committed by the Dependants of the Company immediately Complaints are lodged & with Equal Justice the depredations Committed by the Colleries who are noted Thieves should be made good by Madura — As they would not dare to descend the Passes if they knew they were Amenable to the Nabob's forces

dourg—s

I am &c &c

Gentlemen

Your obedient

G W

Tagoody

28 Octo 1795

Hon Extra Lous No. 1 to 11

No 2

To

William Brown Esqr

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I enclose you Three Bills from the Paymaster of Palamcottah in favor of the Board of Revenue under date the 20th of October One on the Mily Paymaster General for Star Pags 1582.9 — One on the Commissary General for 4710.2.40 & my one the Agent for Draught & Carriage Bullocks for Star Pags 110.12.60 —

I have the Hon &c

Sir

Your obed. Servt

GW

Tagoody

24th October 1795

To

No 40

Robert Woolf Esqr

Accountant General

Sir

Herewith I enclose you Copy of Three Bills drawn by the Paymaster of Palamcottah in favor of the Board of Revenue.

I have the Hon to subscribe

Sir

Your obed. Servt

GW

Tagoody

24th Octr 1795

To No. 46

George Powney Esqr

Collector of the Southern Polygar Peishcush

Sir

I this day only Received your letter of the 6th of October, & beg leave to assure you that there is no such Renter as Annaguerary in the District, the Person employed to measure the Curnum Lands at Vembarputtee proceeded to measure the Ground in question, but was Prevented by the Nattum people from which you will see the Complaint is unfounded, it is however necessary that some Determination should take place respecting the Land in Dispute, to Effect which I shall transmit to the Board of Revenue the several Proofs respecting the Land, If Lingama Naigue has any Proofs on his part you will I hope forward them for the Information of the Bd of Revenue —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Jagoody

Your obedient Servt

26 Octr 1795

G.W.

Collector

To   Jr   No 48

Edward Saunders Esqr

President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In Reply to Mr Secretary Browns letter of the 25th Instant I beg leave to inform you that I have not been able to procure any Documents by which I can ascertain the period from which the Sons of the Polygars of Ammanaynoor were Prohibited from the Succession — It is generally Supposed about 200 Years — I have traced it back to 12 Successions to each of which the Cousins Succeeded A List of which I have the Honor to Enclose —

The Origin of the Law appears Fabulous it was however asserted to me by the late Polygar & confirmed by his People — They alledge that many Years past the Ooculadya Principal Wife of a Polygar was Obliged by her Son at the Death of his Father to Burn herself on the funeral Pile & that on her dying Moments she pronounced a Curse on any Son who should in future Succeed his Father & that from that Period the Cousins have Succeeded, what Reliance can be given to so fabulous a ~~Story~~ Story Tale I will not Presume to say, but

which

at [illegible] the Separation of the Valur [illegible] Changed [illegible] it does [illegible]

[illegible] respect the — About [illegible] years ago Juggala Naigue [illegible]

his Son Duchla Naigue sent his Influence [illegible] the [illegible]

it [illegible] to [illegible] one of Succession [illegible] in which he 17

Succeeded but a present Circumstance from his Cousin of the

Poligar of this District [illegible] his [illegible] of his Conduct he

appointed [illegible] Jaggapoddlo [illegible] the Collector of

[illegible] I have [illegible] that [illegible] respecting the ap-

pointment of the late Cadery Naigue — his [illegible]

Cavana Naigue [illegible] to his Collar [illegible]

the Company of [illegible] in 1792 [illegible] his Cousin the

Late Cadery Naigue [illegible] of the [illegible] part of

Public Notoriety [illegible] from the [illegible] information [illegible]

Personal Communication with the Oldest Inhabitants [illegible]

to believe that the Spirit of the Law [illegible] that no [illegible]

should Succeed, for a Brother is not excluded [illegible]

Senior in point of Age to that [illegible] — [illegible] at the Death

of the 2 Cousins now [illegible] the Collar [illegible]

to the Son of the Late Cadery Naigue provided [illegible]

[illegible] there [illegible]

I shall take the liberty of offering [illegible]

[illegible] Naigue has been [illegible]

[illegible]

to the Pollam
[illegible] since the Succession of the late Catty Naigue of the [illegible]
his Brother [illegible] the Principal Servagar [illegible], they [illegible] alteration
the Succession of this Circar may be productive of trouble,
[illegible] [illegible] think it Expedient [illegible] [illegible] the Succession
to [illegible], by [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I have the Honor [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

28th October 1795

the last 12

A List of Poligars who have Succeeded to the Pollam of [illegible] naigue

Catty Naigue [illegible] to his [illegible] was Succeeded by his
Chinnala Naigue Do — Do
[illegible] Seeroo Naigue Do — Do
Colunda Veloo Naigue Do — Do
Cunnala Naigue Do — Do
Veera Sinnauoo Naigue Do — Do
Naga Cumma Naigue Do — Do
Juggala Naigue [illegible] Succeeded to the Pollam in 1780 he d[illegible]
in about three years. it was his [illegible] Naigue
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to alter the Succession [illegible]
Succeeded Naimo

Cumaa [illegible]

No. 38

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To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In Reply to your Letter of the 9th Instant I have now the Honor to inform you that Nella Dados is a youth about 18 years of age by no means deficient in understanding but as to his capacity in the business intrusted perhaps it is difficult to form an opinion the old Widow is certainly very well informed the Security proposed is Vass Chennama Naik, Polygar of Yellamaday — He is one of the Polygars of ~~the~~ in the Madura Country & a Man whom I should Consider a very sufficient Security for a larger Sum than that in question — the name of his Manager or Predani is Commiah Reddy a well informed & very Civil man & from his having Constantly attended the Cutchery for the last three years on the part of Nella Dados I should hope & think he had acquired a sufficient knowledge of the manners of Europeans to prove better Stewards & useful than is

Spame —

Gopeia

Goppia Naig whose Daughter married the Son of the Late Polygar of Cunnygaundy is now there and will not Return until the funeral Ceremonies are over which I am told will take about 15 days on his Return to ~~[illegible]~~ Sundagir I shall endeavour to secure his Person & have every prospect of Succeeding —

In my Letter of the 13 Instant I had the Honor to inform you of the Death of Narrasimma Naigue Polygar of Cunnygaundy — I have endeavoured to gain such information Respecting his Right to the Pollam as I might with Confidence lay before you & I have every Reason to believe that which I shall now submit for your Information may be Relyed on — Appia Naigue Polygar was taken Prisoner by Hyder Ally in or about the year 1758 & Confined in the Hill Fort of Sankerydroog for four years during which time his Pradani a very well informed Man managed the Pollam at the Expiration of this time Appia Naigue either died or was put to death in Prison he left no Children & the Pradani fixed on Narrasimma

Naigue

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Naique of the same Caste but not of the same family with Appia Naique – a Man debilitated both in Mind & Body the Pollam being wholly governed by Narsingua Pilly by Pudanie for many years. Narrainie Naique had been deprived of the use of his limbs by disorder for near 20 years before his death of the Eldest Son was supposed to be the Child of the Pudanie whom he put to death in Consequence thereof – & from that time I understand the Pollam has been badly managed –

Cooppala Naique Poligar of Vanapt has however laid his Claims to the Pollam as fact Cousin of nearest of Kin to Appia Naique – He offers to pay the Original Peish of 12300 for Phasely 1205 & 16100 C.P. Chuckrums for each Succeeding Phasely – which from the Statement I have seen the Sums to endure appears as much as the Pollam can at present bear nevertheless I have little doubt but he may be brought to pay the full Sum of 1500 C. Chuckrums for 1205 [illegible] to get the Pollam – The Present Commissary Pudanie professes by the Vakeel that the Pollam will not bear any increase – Permit me to observe that it appears to me that this is the Juncture at which the Increase of Tribute for the Pollam should be fixed I Expected the Pudanie in a few days but was

unwilling

to determine the Ablohfid charges —

You will observe from the Enclosed Accounts that the Original Pollam consisted of 8 Villages only held for many years by the Ancestors of Eppia Naygue who in the year 1700 paid a tribute of 3900 Colly Chuckrums Subsequent to which the Polygar have from time to time encroached on the Circar Lands ~~& adding those taken from the Soottoorambo Polygar (which happened about 50 years ago) untill they~~ untill they got possession of ~~all the~~ Villages ~~the value of which~~ including those taken from the Soottoorambo Polygar (which happened about 50 years ago) the values of which was then estimated at the gross Sum of 16,990 Colly Chuckrums per annum I do not find that the Pollam ever was assessed higher than 12,300 — this Tribute I understand was settled on the following principle the whole of the Original Tribute 3900 & one half of the produce of the Villages he had possessed 8495

12395

the Surplus being allowed for charges Collection on the whole & profit to the Polygar — In the year 1787 or Coutty 1196 this Pollam was Sequestered by order of the Sultaun in consequence of the Polygar refusing to agree to a higher Assessment — that year it yielded Gross Collection 29000 Chuckrums this was Effected by nearly doubling the Assessment

assessment on the Ryots' Lands, rating all such Lands capable of Cultivation at 16½ Cully fanams per Koorley – of course the Inhabitants were incapable of paying the amount which was made good by the seizure of their Cattle & effects which were sold for this purpose – the year following the Collections amounted to 21,300 Cully Chuckrams, Gross Collection of the third year to only 18000 – I have not been fortunate enough to Recover as yet any part of the Old Accounts but have taken the above account from the man who acted as Amuldar during the Sequestration & enclose you an Account particular for the Fusly year 1789 –

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your obed. Servt.

[illegible]

Dindygul
21st March 1795

No. 42

To
Edward Saunders Esq.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Having been Selected by Mootoo Chavicager late Ordanee & Manager of Pylings to Submit the claims of Vyapoory Chinnapa Naique for your Consideration I have

endeavoured

endeavoured to make myself master of this Subject I have now the
Honor to furnish you with the Result of my Enquiry —

I enclose for your information the Pedigree of Vyapoory
Chennapa Naigue Only Son to the late Poligar of Pylney this account I have
taken down from the late Curnum of Pylney a very sensible and
Respectable Old Man who had the Management of the Country
for near 50 years & who was brought up by the great grandfather
of the Child he now protects — this has been confirmed by all the
Vakeels of the Poligar — to this I have annexed some Remarks
which will I think tend to Elucidate the whole —

I enclose a Copy & Translation of General Medows
Sunnud the Original of which with the General's Seal affixed was
produced to me & in Consequence of which the Pollam was held
for three Months in the name of the present claimant Mootoo
Chaveragar was with General Medows in Camp when Dindigul
was taken & by some means during his absence from Pylney
Vellaiada Naigue was imposed on the Company as the real Heir
to the Pollam & has anxious held possession —

As the Only mode not liable to
Imposition on any part I have the Honor to enclose you a Sunnud
Copy & Translation of the Cowle granted to Mootoo Chavragar
Naigue for the Young Poligar Vyapoory Chennapa Naigue

this

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this will clearly evince that he was Convinced in the Mucuth Government as the Proper Heir and at the same time put you in possession of the Exact Sum which the Pollam was then assessed — You will be pleased to Observe that a Pagoda here is Equal to 4½ Colly Fanams Consequently 8000 Pagodas is Equal to 34,000 Colly Chuckrums

In the Event of your Reinstating Vyapoory Chinnaya Naigue in the Pollam he proposes 22,000 Colly Chuckrums as the yearly Rent for Pheesky 1205 this I Observed was ~~1~~ 12,000 less than it had formerly been assessed to which he replied that I would Observe Said Sait had given him 4 years to make good his Payments in, which clearly evinced how much he Considered the Country over assessed at the same time he told me that he by no means offered 22,000 Chuckrums as the full Value of the Pollam but was of Opinion under proper Management that in a Couple of years it would certainly bear an Increase that Vallardo Naigue was Sensible he was not Entitled to the Pollam & well knew that his Mother Chavaiyar would Continue to prefer her Claims untill your Board should finally determine on it that he therefore paid little attention to the Pollam and instead of ~~Retaining~~ Repairing the Tanks Water Courses &c^a^ he amassed the produce of the Country as a private Estate in case he should be dispossessed of the Pollam by which means it now yielded Considerably less than it had formerly done — You will be pleased to

Observe

Observe that altho Vallanda Naigue has held the Pollam for four years at so low a Rate as 1000 Chuckrums that he is still in Arrears 2219 - 7 - 35 Old Ballance and altho his 3d Kist for this Pharsley is nearly due he has not paid the whole amount of his first — Should you Gentlemen be of Opinion that Vyapoory Chinnappa Naigue is the Right Heir of this and determine on Restoring him to the Pollam I must Observe that there is no danger of its Involving the district in any trouble on the Contrary it would be a measure very gratifying to every Poligar in the District — That Vallanda Naigue is not deserving of any particular favor innumerable Instances might be brought — he is not only now in Arrears but his Pradanie had the Temerity to flog the Pattye Peon I sent to demand his Kist of Vallanda Naigue who gives me no Reply to any letters I send — It is not however my wish to trouble you with Complaints of this Kind but I must Observe that some time past the Pradanie of Pyloor came in on the Collectors Cowle & after giving the Information Required was given up to the Poligar — the Man Conscious of the fate that Awaited him attempted to make away with himself a Bond was therefore taken from Vallanda Naigue prior to the Pradanie being delivered up in October last binding him in the Sum of 20,000 Chuckrums to be answerable for the appearance

of the Man whenever demanded — He is at present & has been ever

Since a close Prisoner in Irons at Pylney I have written Valladanaygue & spoke to his Vakeel ~~on the Subject~~ but can obtain no Reply or any Information on the Subject — the Circumstance is attended with particularly bad Consequences as it deters other Pendants from attending the Cutcherry — I Enclose Copy & translat of the Bond you will permit me to observe that should you Continue Valladanaygue in the Pollam I think he should be Obliged to ~~return~~ release the Man or pay the Penalty —

When I had the Honor to Address you on the 4 Inst. I concluded that the Claim of Condama Naygue of Jagordy had been fully investigated previous to ~~that~~ its being Submitted to you but as this does not appear to be the Case I think it probable you may in some measure alter your opinion respecting him & not think it expedient to grant him a separate Sunnud for Jagordy the 4 Villages included in what he claims as his Pollam are Estimated at 1000 Chuckrams by Cowan should you appoint him Poligar thereof he Ought to Pay a Suitable Tribute as an Adequate Deduction must Necessarily be made from Pylney — he has been very urgent to have your determination on which I informed him that you certainly would give no directions until he produced the Cowle or Sunnud by which he held the Country as a Tributary to Pylney during the Moorish Government

Government which Coole would undoubtedly specify the Amount of Annual Tribute paid by him — but it is not in his power to produce any Cowle or Sunnud whatever —

I have taken the liberty Gentlemen of Entering an Acc.t of the Revenues dominion Pylney in the Year 1788 when it was under Aumanny even after it was Sequestered when the Pollam was in a higher State of Cultivation for the year which shewed that it yielded to the Circar Rupees 95180 or Colly Chuckrams 44181 Gross Collection & this I believe may be deemed a very fair Valuation supposing the Pollam to be properly managed under all these Circumstances. In my opinion the Pollam cannot at present bear an higher assessment than 22.000 Chuckrams to the I think it ought to be Rented nearly Pharaley Subject to an annual Increase untill it amounts to 20000 — you will be pleased to X

I shall proceed early on Tuesday morning for Goodaloor I should have set off sooner but as it is lies on a different Contrary direction to Cunnyvoundy & Pylney I was unwilling to proceed untill I had furnished you with Accounts of these Pollams I go directly thence Dindamputty for which I hope to send you favorable Accounts, I have applied for a Jemadars Guard of Sepoys

which

X to shew that last year it only yielded 7000 Chuckrams

which I think necessary to protect the Company's Cash as I shall Remain the Hands as I proceed holding the Cutcherry Daily

I am with Respect

Gentlemen

Your Most Obt Servt

G.P.

Dindigul

22 March 95

No 47

To

John Mitford Esqr

Assist to the Bd of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I have the Honor to Enclose the Jummabundy for 1204 Agreeable to your Requisition of the 16th Inst.

I am

Sir

Your Most Obt Svt

G.P.

Collector

Dindigul

23 March 1795

~~To~~

~~Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr~~

~~Deputy Secy to the Board~~

~~Sir~~

~~Your ... Referring to my letter~~

~~Back~~

~~Books Sent [illegible]~~ No 49

Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Observing in my Letter to the Board of yesterday's

Date that I had Valued Sayerdy at 10000 [illegible] in

lieu of 8000 you will much oblige me by informing them

of the Mistake — I am

your most obedient [illegible]

G. [illegible]

Dindigul

23d March 1795

No 52

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen.

Your Letter of the 21st Instant Reached me

at [illegible] in my letter of the 22d Instant will have put you

in possession of my Sentiments Respecting Sayerdy I shall

take no Steps Respecting Condemned [illegible] until I Receive

your further orders — ~~I am~~

~~[illegible]~~ Immediately on my Return you shall be

furnished with my particular Respecting the Polygar of

Chockanpetty —

I have Recd Mr Secy. Sewbydgeon's letter of the 15 Instant. I will as soon as possible [illegible] furnish you with an Estimate of the Expence of Erecting a Building for a Cutchery —

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I arrived here this Morng. & have much the pleasure in informing you that I have Established Nella Daber & the Widow of the Poojanly Naique in this Pollam without trouble I have not granted him a Sanad as yet, but having Recd a Security Bond for his father Verro Chennama Naick Polygar of Yellamoodey for the amount of the Kist I gave Nella Daber a Written order authorising him to take charge of the Pollam & Collect the Revenues on Acct of the Company as their Manager until he Recd his Sanad — This has answered every purpose for the Present and there is no likelihood of any disturbance taking place The Pollam is in a very bad State scarcely any Inhabitants & nearly all the Lands uncultivated on my Return I shall give you fuller Information Respecting this Pollam —

I have the Honr to be

Gentlemen

Your most [illegible]

[illegible]

Poojanly
Peedanapully
27th March 1795.

No 53

To

Hugh Vaughan Esq

Paymaster at Madura

Sir

[illegible] I have paid your Servant P. A. P. 3443..8 in Star Pagodas 3000 & forward you by a Guard of Sepoys the Sum of P. A. P. 4592 - Chilly fanams 46,385..30 making in all the Sum of 9855 Star Pags at 114..11 per % Star Pagodas of 16 1/4 fanams per Star Pagoda -

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your obt Servt

G.W.

Collector

Doodanapatty

27 March 1795

No 54

Nella Dadoo

You will Repair to Doodanapatty & take the Management of that Pollam on the part of the Company until the [illegible] appointing your Poligar of that Place [illegible] -

G.W.

Collector

27 March 1795

No 1

To

Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr

Actg. Secy to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I Enclose you my Diary of Military

Correspondence for March —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your &c &c

G W

Cumbum

1st April 1795

No 3

To

Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr

Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I Enclose you the Revenue Collection

& Registers of Bills for March

I have Recd. your letter of the 23

ulto. & shall furnish you with the particulars Required

as soon as possible —

I have the honor to be

Sir

Cumbum

Your obt Servt

G W

20 April 1795

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To

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Civil Secretary

Sir

I have the Honor to enclose your Estimate of Probable Receipts & Disbursements for the Month of April

I am

Sir

Your Most Obedt Servant

[illegible]

Cumbum

5th April 1795

To

Vattoondu Naigue

Poligar of Pylney

Namaskarum &c &c Before I left Dindigul I ordered you to send to the Cutchery your Pradani to answer for his Conduct you have disobeyed this order I have written to you several times [illegible] to Reply to my Letters, I have sent a Dufedar to you to Recover the Tribute due to the Company & you have had the Insolence to Refuse him to [illegible] Chinnaya

I ... informed ... ... many ... the

Great ... of ... the Employment ... to ...

instantly ... ... in ... of the old

Ballance of the Months now due —

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G. M.

Cumbrian, ...

5 April 1795

No 9

To

Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr

Acting Secretary to the Bd of Revenue

Sir

On the 10th of Ultimo I had the Honor to

Address the Secretary respecting the Cash returned by the

Paymaster at Madura — In the ... Estimate he

Returned 1600 P. N. P. of 3250 Cally fanams for the Months

he has Returned P. N. P. 691 Cally fanams 7299 .. 30 — the Money

is perfectly good & the Sercars will instantly give me

Rupees for the Amount — I have given advised you on the

Subject in Consequence of Mr Vaughans having Requested the

above Sum being sent him to Madura to be transferred

by him then presumed to the Troops at Dindygul

Receiving it, I have the Hon to Enclose Extract of

his letter of the Regulations you will lay the particulars before the Board previous to my complying with the Paymasters Estimate for May —

I am
Sir
Your obedt Servt
G W

Combaconum
9th April 1795

No. 10

To
Hugh Vaughan Esqr
Paymaster at Madura

Sir

I have recd your letter of the 4 Instt. [illegible] the Money was not paid your Man [illegible] on the 1st Instt. [illegible] in the following coin [illegible] [illegible] Janam [illegible] 24375 the Exchange was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Vaccaund [illegible] [illegible] of Paypt. agreeable to my [illegible] [illegible]

I have am sufficiently [illegible] to comply with the whole of your Estimate, but [illegible] the Subject of your last letter to the Bd of Revenue I must await their orders previous to forwarding my [illegible] further bills for Trichinopoly on Madras —

I am &c. &c.

Combaconum
9th April 1795

G W [illegible]

No 11

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To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have received Mr Secretary Lushington's letter of the 30th ultimo — in consequence of which I have the Honor to inform you that the Collection Proceedings of the 20th October 1790 & his correspondence with your Board in 1792 are not among the Papers of this Cutcherry —

I have now the Honor agreeable to your Directions to transmit the Account particulars of Tegoody which was included in my Statement of Pylany for 1788 and which Amounting to Rupees 13000 or Cully Chuckrams 5850 or at the Company's exchange to 6500 — you will be pleased to observe that 2 Rupees instead of 9 fanams is invariably in the Company's Accounts reckoned at 1 Chuckram or ten fanams which has necessarily occasioned the Star Pagodas to be rated at 17½ instead of 16½ real exchange — Tegoody therefore would produce to the Company under Kanamee 6500 Chuckrams of gold

and

will be pleased therein to observe that the Talagar of

Paddy is reckoned at 2 Rupees — about 4 fanams per Cullam

the Estimated price taken wholesale immediately on the

Ground - No Charges Collection being allowed out of

Removal of Retailed by the Polygar will at an average

for 3 Rupees which makes a difference of 2600 Rupees

Independent of his Profits on the Dry grain so that I

think in Estimating the Nett Value of Tegoody at

8000 Chuckrums to the Polygar I have rather under

Valued it —

In my Statement of Pylney for last year

I likewise included Tegoody I formed my opinion of its

produce from comparing the Accounts of those Persons

most likely to have a knowledge of the Country —

Namely 2 of Vallaidu Nayques Natives the Servar

through whom the Kists were paid of the generally

Residing at Pylney of several Head Inhabitants

their Accounts all agreed within a few 100 Chuckrums

and nearly Corresponded with the Accounts I

from Mostar Chowrogy which agreed exactly

with

with the [illegible] given in by Gopal Instructions to the
Wrapseer — Copy of which I have the Honor to enclose 28
It was not in my power to procure an exact particular
as Vallanda Naique is totally disobedient to all orders
and has not yet made good his first Payment for
the Ohazily in the Inhabitants urging the Payment
he told him to inform ~~me~~ that I must apply to
Master Chavugar for Payment for which I sent a
Samud [illegible] him that [illegible] could give protection
to Vyapary Chennaya Naique he would not pay a
[illegible] as Debts to the Country — He has given
orders to the Inhabitants to be in Readiness to remove
at a moments warning with their Grain [illegible]
the Stand I shall prevent his Effecting —

I take the liberty of transmitting you
the different Values of Rupees being in this District

Company —	from —	4 1/4 to 4 [illegible]	}	
[illegible] —	D° —	4 1/2 to 4 9/16	}	tolly fans.
Sultan —	D° —	4 5/8 to 4 3/4	}	
[illegible] —	D° —	4 3/4 — to 5	}	[illegible]

~~[illegible]~~

The cost of Sultani on the [illegible]
prevalent —

Gopie

Gopie Naugue [illegible] Kamma [illegible] Camangeroudy he has paid on the 2 first Kists for the [illegible] —

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Cumbum

10 April 1795

&c.

No 15

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President &c. Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I have been Honored with your Letter of the 3d April Instant & shall be careful that the Accounts for the year closing the 30th last shall be forwarded on or before the 25th of June.

You may rely on it that my Report for 1204 shall be forwarded as early as possible after the Expiration of the Present [illegible]

I have the honor to be

Gentlemen

Your [illegible]

Dortaripollam

14th April 1795

&c.

No 17

To

John Mitford Esqr.

Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I have been favoured with yours of the 8th Inst.
& shall make the alterations you require. I am much
obliged by the trouble you have taken in altering these accts
at the Presidency. I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedt

Servt

[illegible]
County
16 April 1788

No 21

John Mitford Esqr.

Secy to the Bd of Revenue

Sir

I have this Honor to acknowledge your letter of the
9 Inst. covering [illegible] of a Board of [illegible] [illegible] dated
the 4 Inst. in Consequence of which [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
shall be Discontinued [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] I shall
be greatly obliged by your obtaining permission of the Board
for one Writer to be added to the Establishd List of Servants
for the purpose of bringing up the Records [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] allowed are fully employed in the Current

Purposes and

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[illegible] of the [illegible]. Monthly accounts of the [illegible] of [illegible] now [illegible] [illegible] Days — In Reply to the last Paragraph of the [illegible] you will be so obliging as to inform [illegible] that the Renters have not as yet made good the Remainder [illegible] [illegible] — but that at the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] to suppose the whole will be paid with the exception of

Pag. 66. 31. 41. Viz.

Woorgiumpett — Vadamala Naijen	[illegible]	34. 1. 30. 7. 23. 62
Sempurray — Nagu Sastry	d°	21. 7. 25. 17. — 20
Attoor — Yogenarrain Iyen	d°	47. 7. 35. 27. 13. 66
[illegible] Colum — Ram Iyen	d°	5. — — 2. 38. 46
		114. 7. 10. 66. 31. 41

Vadamala Naijen [illegible] of Naga Sastry [illegible] [illegible] alledges they have already paid [illegible] to Venctavarda Iyengar [illegible] to [illegible] Yogenarrain Iyen alledges that [illegible] were [illegible] to his [illegible] and other [illegible] ([illegible] that place [illegible] Ram Iyen [illegible] and Enclose my Reply for the Information of the Board. I [illegible]

[illegible]

Chinnamanoor

10 April 1795

Yours &c.

[illegible]

Enclosure A

[illegible]

No 23

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Revenue 30

Gentlemen

I have now the Honor to Submit for your Information the accounts of Coimbatore, Reddypolly, Goodaloor & together with those of Thanamentapoly of which I shall speak more fully in the latter part of this address. The Account Particulars of No 1. 2 3 will put you in possession of the Amount of lands Cultivated & capable of Cultivation & the Abstract No 4 of the Revenues from these lands for the last 4 Phazelys amounting in gross Collection to Chuckrum 20,640 . 5 . 11 Net 4525. 5. 16 by which it will appear that the average Gross Collection amounted annually to Chuckrum 5160. 1. 12 and that the largest sum Collected in any one year was only 5405. 9. 8. These accounts I have taken from the Village Conicopolys of the Cowle granted by Numbool Naique the Rajah's of Travancore Amuldar [illegible] the Justness of the accounts in so far as they relate to the actual Sum Collected for the Circar proportion

as

as no Regular division of Paddy ever took place but any Chay of Ground was assessed at a certain rate for which the Inhabitants Received back of your Stockholder it is a Species of under Renting often practised by the Native Renters when the Country are not Rented to the Head Inhabitants I have likewise transmitted a Statement No 5 which will I hope prove satisfactory & put you in possession of the present State of this Country you will be so obliging as to Observe that 4 Koolys make a Chay & according to the present Measurement 625 Square fathoms being 1 Kooly & 2500 Square fathoms 1 Chay, according to the former Measurement 16 Square Measurements of 16 feet Square each formed a Chay as the present Chay contains 90,000 feet of Ground the former 65,536 & on an Average each Chay according to the present Measurement yields 44 Culleums of Paddy I used every means in my power (without Effect) to Obtain the Accounts in Said Sairs time I was assured that the Numbool Nayar had taken them with him to Travancore all the Cannacoplys were changed when the Sultan left the Country

I have

I have written Numberd Nagir on the Subject of ~~corn~~

in hopes of Receiving the Accounts —

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Goodeloore — Is situated about 97 English miles nearly South of Dindygul & is watered by the Sorungalaar or Goodeloore River which is dry many Months in the year & which Rises in the Mountains that divide the District of Dindygul from Travancore — Goodeloore ~~comprehends~~ contains 9968 Koolys ~~or 4443o Square fathom of ground~~ Veg. 50¼ Chay of Nungia & 9785 Kooly of Punjia — Land of the former ~~Hgr~~ 25 is Cultivated 15 Chay & ~~1111~~ is appropriated to Maniums & 10¼ stile Capable of Cultivation about of Effects of expected and at the highest Rates at 13 Cullum per Chay would Increase the Revenue in the Articles thus of the 9785 Koolys Punjia Land

2600 on Mountains Rocks & Hills

6100 High Jungles & Rivers

400 Salt & Sour Ground

9 Pettah, Sheep Goats Pens & Bullock Stalls

4 Fort

~~83~~ ~~Maniums~~

508 Uncultivated Arable Land

112 ~~[illegible]~~ Cultivated ~~[illegible]~~ ...

52 — Manium

The Soil is uncommonly good — but

one

-ary to the High Woods of Mountains that surround it
render'd unhealthy to the Inhabitants who are poor & live
miserably are very [illegible] great Numbers perish during the
Rains with fevers & Colds & the Small Pox which
rages here every year with Violence, their Circumstances
& deter others from Settling here & as population Decreases
the Jungles have in Consequence increased. These
Jungles are infested with a great number of destructive
Animals the Elephant & Wild Buffaloe that inhabit
the [illegible] Hills make great depredations among the
Crops, they usually come down when the Rains set in
& Continue until the End of September, the Marks
of the former are very Visible in every part of the
Country but more particularly so in the Nunjah
Lands where very Large of Ground are entirely [illegible]
down by them, the Leopards & Wild Dogs
likewise abound here and [illegible] great destruction in
destroying Cattle so much so that Sheep & Goats are
very scarce here [illegible] the Wild Dogs Hunt [illegible] packs &
are very fierce — The Major Mountains [illegible]
the Valley of Dindygul [illegible] of Corn

Cumbum

Cumbum Dammer — to the South West of which there is
a pass over the Mountains into the Travancore Country
it is 15 Malabar miles to the first Village which is one
of [illegible] of the Mountains & called Talama it is
reckoned by the Merchants a Journey of 10 days from the
Fort of Goodaloor to Travancore State the liberty of
~~Ending~~ Not [illegible] the Wages, the Paddy not consumed in
these Districts is carried on Bullocks into the Travancore
Country from whence Salt &c is returned — ~~the~~
~~[illegible] [illegible]~~ The Fort is of Mud & of no Strength &
the Pettah contains 36 Houses, the Climate is pleasant & to an
European Constitution very I should think healthy —

Cumbum is about 8 miles N of Goodaloor on the direct
road to Dindigul — it is watered by the Soorungaley
and Soorooleyar or Cumbum River the latter of which flows all the year
the fort being larger than at Goodaloor but equally incapable
of defence — the Pettah is large & contains 496 Houses
the Country contains 13673½ Horlees of Ground Vizt. 480¼
Chey of Nunjah & 11752½ Horlees of Punjah of the Nunjah
Lands 75¾ are appropriated to Maniums 294 culti-
& 111⅛ remain uncultivated ~~owing~~ to the [illegible] of

Water

~~Water Courses being out of Repair & the Lands now covered with Jungle – these Lands are certainly capable of being redeemed but at a considerable Expence & if Cultivated would the usual Assessment Amount to ... I have not yet ascertained the Expence that would be incurred~~

of the 11752½ Khodays of Punja Land

4250	are Mountains Hills & Rocks
3125	High & thick Jungles
982	Beds of Water Courses & Nullahs
343	Tanks
215	Salt & low Ground
273	Topes
6⅞	Pettah, Sheep Pens & Bullock Walls
6½	Fort
409⅜	Uncultivated arable Land
1946⅛	Cultivated
132	Maniums

The Climate here is healthy & pleasant, & the people more opulent than at Goodaloor in other Respects the Remarks made on that place will be applicable to Cumbum – here there is likewise a Pass across the Mountains to the West direct to Cochin & is reckoned by the Merchants 125 miles or 6 days Journey – Those

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No. Pettah

inland a Seat of the Rajas Todoocooley is 10 miles South of Cardamum which I conceive to be the direct Road from Palamcottah to Pottegoatchery I have been particular on the Subject for tho' not immediately in the Revenue line I conceived it might be considered as a necessary information in Regard to Toppal &c a constant traffic is carried on between Cochin, Travancore & the Dindygul Districts The Pepper Plant is a native here & I should suppose by culture might be rendered an Article of Revenue

Poddypatty A Small Mud Fort about 5 miles N of Cumbum well Watered the Country consists of 713 Koolies of Ground whereof 44 Chay is Nunja of these 9 7/16 are Maniem of the Remainder nearly ~~many~~ all is cultivated 13/16 only being left uncultivated of the 535 11/16 of Punja Lands

125 Koolies on Mountains Hills & Rocks
217 High & thick Jungle
7 Pettah, Sheep Pens & Bullock Stalls
1 Fort
1 Pagoda
1 Tank
1 Tope
½ Salt & Sour Ground
41 1/8 uncultivated
123 13/16 Cultivated

The

The Elephants &c continue their depredations here but in
a much less degree than at Cuntum & Goodaloor I
Concern not one in five come so far down as this
The Village consists of 44 Houses – ~~Having now~~

Having now Gentlemen given

You the present State of these Countrys I shall beg leave to
Draw your Attention to a few general Remarks on the
whole The Cultivation for this Purgly Varies from the
preceding which you will perceive by the Statement No 5 at
Goodaloor the Cultivation of Nunja has decreased 7 3/4
Chay owing to the Inhabitants of 10 Houses owners of the
Lands having emigrated in consequence of Sickness The
Cultivation of Punja increased 40 Koolys, At Cuntum
the Cultivation of Nunja has increased 14 5/16 Chay,
of the Decrease of Punja amounts to Koolys 81 2/5
at Poodiyputty the decrease of Punja is 15 9/10 of a
Kooly & so that at present there Remains 19 3/16
Chay of Nunja & 1179 3/16 of Punja uncultivated –
Independent of 221 11/32 Chay of Nunja at Cuntum
62 5/6 at Goodaloor – Amounting in all to Chay 283 21/32
this Land is entirely overgrown by Jungle and i

rendered

rendered altogether incapable of yielding Paddy by these

Tanks having been destroyed many years past. [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] the expence attending the necessary 34

repairs of Tanks & clearing the Jungles would be considerable

. I have not yet ascertained the amount but the Revenue

of [illegible] would amount to about 1000 [illegible]

annually – besides which you will observe there above

1000 [illegible] of Punja Lands are [illegible] Jungles of never

have been cultivated but the Soil is so good that if

cleared the greatest part of it would be productive [illegible]

could Inhabitants be procured, but I must fear

unless some assistance can be given this never could

be Effected, You will Pardon my observing that if a

Part of the Pioneer Corps could be spared the advantage

to this Country would be very great, as the Cutting

away these Jungles would not only destroy the Harbour

for Wild Beasts but Render the Country more

more Healthy to the Natives than it is at present

and I have little doubt but numbers might then

be induced to Reside in this Country & cultivate

those new cleared grounds. I am [illegible] that the

that the [illegible] present [illegible] Recommended [illegible]

Canton

Cumbum & Goodaloor taken any Part of the Sums [illegible] they have been intimated to you. I have to Report that after the Accounts received by my Predecessor were Removed from the Cutcherry previous to my taking charge. The Lands were measured by order of the Sultaun in Phusly 1193 & unless this Measurement should prove Erroneous I cannot see how their Sum of Revenue 12990 Ch[illegible] could have arisen in Phusly 1199 I am now measuring all the ~~[illegible]~~ Circar Lands as the only means to ascertain their real Value by personal Inspection.

In your Letters of the 10 & 17 Sep. you Require a Statement of the Loss Sustained by the Company in Consequence of the Rajah of Travancore having taken possession of Cumbum & Goodaloor & Collecting [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] Nay I have no reason to think he oppressed the people or took more than a fair assessment of the Crops the Enclosed Statement No. 4 will shew the detailed Receipts & Disbursements for the 4 last years of the [illegible] Collections in Cumbum & Goodaloor this year the Poonjattoor Rajah collected

at Goodelore 270 Chuckrums of Nunjah at Nerinjee at Cumbum
& Paddy fully 1588 .. in all 1866 .. the charges
Collection from 12 of July 94 to 12 January 1795 amounted
to 2028 Chuckrums the Loss of Revenue attributed "to
"the Rajah of Ramnad's people at Cumbum and
"Goodelore having altered the Course of a fine River
"which formerly Watered a large part of the Cultivated
"Talook estimated at 7339 .. 1 53/69 Annually" I must be
attributed to some other Cause as both the Cumbum &
Goodelore Rivers run directly through the Cultivated
& Talook the former of which yields whole Season
a plentiful Supply of Water ~~[illegible]~~
~~[illegible] your attention to the Village of Han[illegible]~~
~~pretty situated at Colly~~

Hanamantapetty I shall now Gentlemen Request to draw your attention to the Village of Hanamantapetty situated at Colly [illegible] — I have the Honor to enclose an account particulars No 8 shewing the Quantity of Land & Revenue drawn therefrom for the 4 last Phaslees. This Village was granted to the father of Appajee Gounden by Vadakungoor Rajah of Cumbum on the 12 October 1760 Copy and translation of the Pattayum or grant I enclose No 9 It will be

necessary

needfully to observe that during the Government of the [illegible]

Mysore Cumbum & Goodaloor with their dependencies formed a Separate District and Pundygully [illegible] held by the King of Travancore under whom as Subjects but not Inheritaries

Poonyattoo Rajah held Goodaloor as an Hereditary Right & had an uncontroulable power over that place & the Villages on the Goodaloor Hills appertaining thereto and that the Vadakungoor Rajah had an equal Authority over Cumbum & its dependencies Vizt. Hanamantapetty Poodoopetty & [illegible] Mooken cotta & Mooyamcottah — On Hyder Ally possessing himself of Mysore he farmed the Cumbum & Goodaloor District to Vulampettam Jallock & [illegible] Tribute from the Poonyattoo & Vadakungoor Rajahs — It was during this period that Hanamantapetty was granted to Appajee Gounden who enjoyed it for about 10 years when Hyder [illegible] Sequestered Cumbum & Goodaloor & the Rajah Escaped to Travancore: at this period Combly was likewise Sequestered & the Polygar escaped with his family to Travancore where he Remained untill the War of 1780 during the Short period the English held the

the Province of Dindigul ... was Restored to his Country by the

advice of the Revenue Civil Servant & Collector Mr Sullivan, 38

Venkaty Samy Naik was the Amuldar of Dindigul at the time

[illegible] the Sultan's Regained possession of Dindigul Said Sami

Conferred Appajee Gounden in the Pollam of Comby

[illegible] [illegible] the watching fees for Country of Goodalur

thus it Remained until the Rajah of Travancore took

possession of the Country in 1790 when he Restored Goodalur

to the Poorygatton Rajah [illegible] [illegible] / of Manama

patty to Appajee Gounden, has struck off the Watching

fees from the latter allowing his Amuldar, [illegible] Nayg

to keep up a Sibbundy of 260 Peons in lieu thereof to give

the Crops, should all these fees he has now applied to me

to allow — Manamootopatty is in a high State of Cultivat

Owing to Appajee Gounden having brought Cattle and

Inhabitants from his Pollam of Comby to assist in the

Cultivation — It yielded last year Cally Chuckrams 1114. Hither

No Kist has ever been demanded for this Village but should

you Gentlemen be pleased to ~~Continue~~ Confirm the Right of Appajee

Gounden thereto he will Readily pay a Kist therefore by

to what it would Amt for if kept in Circar's hands

You will be pleased to [illegible] it is Included and the

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of Villages [illegible] as [illegible] by my Predecessors, I should be unjust to the Polygar of [illegible] not to [illegible] the Opportunity of Recommending him to your favor, he very readily produced me his Accounts of Hanamantapetty & gave me every information I Required, & also ordered all his people to give every assistance to my Servants in measuring the Lands of Hanamantapetty. I Remained 3 days at County & went through the Villages & examined the Lands, I must Confess I never saw a Country in higher order than the Pollams — His ~~[illegible]~~ High Grounds, ~~[illegible]~~ & ~~[illegible]~~ the produce a dry Grain, & he has cleared away nearly all the Jungles & made the County quite open to the foot of the Hills — His Conduct to his people is very lenient & his assessments so Easy that out of at least 5000 Inhabitants there is not a Necessitated Man — He readily gave me every information of his Pollam & I shall take the liberty of adding that it will give me much Satisfaction should you Accede to his Request of adding Hanamantapetty to [illegible] County as I am Convinced any favor you may be inclined to show him will have great good Effect on the Conduct of the other Polygars in inducing them to

plan

place an equal degree of confidence in the faith of [illegible]

Some orders of your Board. It is no only means for me to add

that from the present state of the Countries [illegible] I am 37

fearful a larger Revenue than 8000 [illegible] cannot be

expected from them the ensuing Phasily but as I purpose

Residing a great part of the year in this part of the Valley

I shall be enabled certainly to bring them to their Real Value

of I hope it may exceed this sum. I have enclosed you an

Account of Servants &c. that are I think absolutely

[illegible] 177..3.. [illegible] 102..14..17

necessary amounting Monthly to 180..8. I am fearful you

will consider the charge very high but the situation of

these Countries are such that a considerable Number of Peons

are indispensibly necessary & the inhabitants are very

dissatisfied at the great deduction I have already made

as you will observe that they are now 185 less in

number than they were when the Country was under

the Management of the Rajah of Travancore, they are

very desirous to be allowed a Polygar Watcher but this

I could not by any means admit of without previous[ly]

by obtaining your Sanction — In the former part of this

Address I mentioned that Polygar Gentlemen formerly the

[illegible]

Watcher ~~[illegible]~~ the Lands allowed for Watching fees amount

to 51 Chays of Nunja Ground & yields at present to

the

Circar Chuckrams 581..4 Vizt.

70 Villages at Cumbum 32 assessed at 10 Cully pr Village	320		
38 d° 13½	513		
		733	
8 Villages at Poodoopetty assessed at 17 d°		136	
13 Villages at Goodaloor not collected			
		867	
at 6 fs pr Cully			
Net Collection		521..4	
& if the 13 Villages at Goodaloor was collected I suppose at 13 Cully it would amount to about		101..4	
Total		622..8	

Should your Excellency allow of watching fees for these Countrys I should discontinue 50 of the Peons which would decrease the Charges Collection 75 Chuckrams pr Month or 900 Chuckrams pr Annum which would be a Saving to the Circar of 277 Chucks Independent of the Polygar being Answerable for all losses that may Happen & as these fees are allowed at every other Village I take the Liberty of Recommending them in this Instance particularly as they are considerably lower than those allowed in the other parts of the Ootampollam District — Should fees be allowed I shall Endeavour to Settle them as favorable for the Circar as possible otherwise allowing part of the Cumbum fees in Ruyee & part in Nunjee

I have

I have reason to think if the Cultivation at Goodaloor was given under more proper direction than they have hitherto been — I have been obliged to allow a Letter of Peons for the Collection one of the Chowkies is situated at Salamattoo this has caused an increase in the Peons Pay of Chuckrums 8-9 monthly — The Increase of Cultivation had last month in Consequence was 25 Chuckrums

I have the Honor to be
Gentlemen
Your Obed^t Servt
G W

Chinnamnoor
22 April 1795

N.B. See Enclosures No 1.2.3.4.5.6.9
Vide Book of accounts —

No 26

To
John Mitford Esqr
Acct. to the B^d of Revenue

Sir

I have rec^d. yours of the 13th Instant & shall pay due attention to its Contents —

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your obed^t Servt
G W

Chinnamnoor
22^d April 1795

No. 27

To

Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr.

Actg. Secy. to the Board of Revenue.

Sir

In Reply to your Letter of the 23 ultimo I have to inform you that all my Enquirys to ascertain the Family of the Wife of Singaun [?] have proved ineffectual I understand that they went into Dindigull soon after the Murder in hopes of Recovering the Jewels since which time they have not been heard of I am of opinion that the Jewels belong to the Maund [?] of ~~Then~~ [illegible] to Singaun [?] not to the Deceased — I shall continue my Enquirys & inform The family have likewise left the village [?] of Ibelum [?] attend to the Pollams [?] I shall continue my Enquirys ~~& inform~~

To the latter part of your Letter I reply that Pyoray & Cootyan the former Occupation of Pyoray & Cootyan was Basket making but I fear they have long been in the Habit of Pilfering, although I have no accounts of other Thefts being proved on them — Cooryan [?] but he was [?] some time past for stealing a Cow in Aunnee [?] Naigmoor [?] he had no particular Occupation but was Employed Occasionally as a Cooly — I have the Ho. to be

Sir

Your mo. ob. Ser.

[illegible signature]

Chinnamanoor [?]

22 April 1795

No 28

To
John Mitford Esqr
Accountant to the Bd of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I have the Honor to transmit you my Accounts for the Month of March

I am
Sir Your most Obt
GW

Chinnumnoor
22 April 1795

No 29

To
Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr
Actg Secretary to the Board of Revenue

Sir

In my address to the Board of this day I Omitted to Enclose the Copy of the Pattayum granted to Appyja Goundan by the Vadakungoor Rajah &c

I have the Honor to be
Sir
Your most Obt
GW

Chinnumnoor
22d April 1795

1st No. 39

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

On the 22 Inst

~~yesterday~~ ~~the~~ Boodee Naig Polygar of Boodee Naignoor, Conda Bommia Naigue Polygar of Tavasam & Veeraga Naigue Brother to Condel Nangama Naigue Polygar of Gentupnaignoor waited on me at Chinnamanoor I informed them that I proposed immediately going through their Pollams, their Conduct to me was Respectful, but after they Retired they used every means in their power to Induce my Servant to ~~dissuade~~ diswade me from going into their Country, this Morning I arrived at this place 27 English miles from Chinnamanoor, Previous to which Boodee Naigue had sent his Brother by a Shavagar into the fort ~~with~~ orders to prevent my entering it or the Pettah, the yesterday they having had the temerity to fire on the few Sepoys that were Walking with me, I should scarcely have thought it necessary to Colect Baggage for a Company of Sepoys as I have only a Jemidar Guard, . the mud fort ... this Boodee Naig being a

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in my Rent ~~Country~~ Country chiefly of Poddy ... of the

Polygar ... determined to keep the Real Value from

me I do not conceive at present there is any danger

to the people with me but ~~the~~ such ... insult to

your authority ... not I hope pass unpunished, as this

will be an Example to all the other Polygars & prevent my getting the Value of their Country. I shall

wait here your Reply & ... Your Directions whether

I shall ~~take~~ Sequester his Country ... the Company I

have applied for ...

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your most ...

Gochenoor

24th April 1795

No. 34

To

Hugh Vaughan Esqr. Paymaster at Madras

Sir

I have Recd. yours of the 18th Inst. the Money is

now ready to be delivered on your appointing any Person to

Deliver me Bills for the amount at the time of its delivery

from the Cash Chest – Money and no Bills for my last

Estimate for April I can by no means take it upon myself

to and any further advance of Cash without ...

order for the ...

I have the honor ...

Your most ...

Goochanoor in Bodda Naigue
Collectt
25 April 1795

Your ...
Collector

No 35

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I yesterday informed you of the very extraordinary conduct of Boodee Naigue, & account for such conduct obliges me to enter more fully into the State of ~~this~~ these District than I wished to have done untill I was in full possession of a Statement of the whole — I shall at present therefore entirely confine myself to the Vettampollam Talook only the Richest part of the Dindygul District, This Talook is rented for 5030 Chuckrums annually & the Watching fees taken by the Polygars amount to 2874 Chuckrums nett Independent of the assessment on all Cultivated Land amounting to at least 1000 more as pr Statement Inclosed — This is Publickly avowed by them & agreed to by the Renters when the Country was

Rented

Rentif not last but I hope have strong reasons for believing they generally refused to pay the same — Then are 5 Polygars at the Head of the Polly Vizt. Appojee Gaudan Polygar of Carry Muttalagerry Nay Polygar of Yerrasidamore Condul Nangama Naique Polygar of Guntup Naynoor, Condu Ramma naique Polygar of Tumram of Teramala Boddee Naique Polygar of Boddee Naynoor — the three latter may be reckoned as one, Boddee Naique the Principal having married his two Daughters to the other 2 Polygars — every method was used to prevent my coming into these parts not having been successful Boddee Naique having Then to some a force within one of no troops within 60 miles of this place seems determined by force to prevent my proceeding ~~I wrote him~~ He was ~~here~~ here written to yesterday but I have recd no answer he has sent a Number of Armed Peons to deter me from remaining here but after the Insult that has been offered to Your Authority & the Company's Arms in a petty meed not firing at the Sepoys I conceive it my duty to remain untill I receive your orders. Being fearful of

remedy

exceeding the Bounds of my authority or I would yesterday have taken possession of the Fort but I was very sure had I ordered the Seppoys to fire that they would have put a Number of the Peons to death - should you grant me discretional powers in future it would prevent such Insults not knowing myself authorised to act Hostile unless absolutely driven to it - I declined ordering the Seppoys to fire the Conggan was the Peons by order of the Sharugar rushed upon & grossly Insulted the Seppoys wrenching the Sword from the Jemidar who was ~~walking after~~ following me - A total Stop is put to my Enquirys here as the Poligar will Dispute Step by Step with me for the best Information I can get his Pollam is worth about 12,000 Chuckrams Annually he has 20 fine Villages besides all the produce of the Goodaloor Nuttu which has 4 Villages on it - Immediately on hearing that Boodee Naique had resisted my Authority Appajee Jemindar sent his Prodanie with a Number of armed Peons to wait my Commands I expressed my Satisfaction at his Readiness on all occasions to shew his Obedience to the Honorable Company but

Requested

Requested he would withdraw [illegible] Peons which he has done

to a Small Village in the [illegible] about 2 Miles of —

this Morning the Poligar of Yemaccaa [illegible] and his Vakeel

to Receive my orders & to profess his readiness to [illegible]

his Peons if required them — the Collector [illegible] strongly

my Sense of his good Conduct — The Rains having set in

with some Violence & the Fort, I have are so very bad

that I have ordered a few Huts for the people, for those I

Retain without taking the Assent of the Collector I am convinced

that many of the other Poligars will resist my Authority &

that it will be impossible to obtain the Information you

Required previous to the Ensuing Settlement — my remaining here

will not be attended with much loss of time as it will give

likewise me an opportunity of getting in some degree the Annual

Statements of Accounts &c — permit me to observe that I think

it would have a very good Effect if 2 Companys of Sepoys

were Stationed at Putanpollam as it would Completely

keep the Poligars in Check & facilitate the Collections —

altho' most probably they might never be called on — the

Poligars evidently presume on the Distance for any Troops —

I do not mean to infer that the Poligars of [illegible] near

& Spooran have been concerned in the present ill conduct

Bopdee Naigue
~~of their father and Sons~~, Gentapoor the former Vakeel was sent

me yesterday & behaved very properly as yet they have not

~~visited~~ offered Boodden Naigue with any of their Peons — I

have take the liberty of remarking that I conceive a trifling

alteration in the Draft of the Sunnud proposed to be given

to the Poligars would have good Effect — The Cavelgar

fees require some Regulation as Mochulkas have ever

been taken from them if they ~~were~~ take just what Land they

have & assess the Inhabitants at pleasure — I should

therefore propose that at the Conclusion of the 2d Parag.

something similar to the following should be added "For

"these fees you will Receive a Separate Sunnud

"to be Renewed annually, shewing the Quantity of Land &

"where situated together with the full amount of your

"Cavelgar fees — & in default of your ~~Affording~~ ~~not~~ affording

"the Inhabitants of the Circar Lands a full protection from

"all Robberys you will forfeit these fees which will be

"granted to a more Carefull Cavelgar" You will observe

further that if the Circar Lands were properly Cultivated

the Watching fees of Gentapoor and Condal Mangana Naigue

would amount to considerably more than
~~not more than double~~ his Debts —

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In line 9 of Paragraph after the Words "the Pollam of
& before the Words 'is hereby' I should propose the following
~~[illegible]~~ to be inserted "Consisting of 0000 Villages namely
" [illegible] & bounded by the Stones or Land
" Marks placed by the Collector conducting [illegible] the Measurement of
" Ground " This will prevent all future Disputes between
the Polygars if there is a Sufficient time for them to deliver
in all their Complaints & have them finally settled previous
to the Permanent Settlement — The Village of Goochenoor has
long been in Dispute between Booddee Naigue & Appajee
Goundun — It certainly originally belonged to this Pollam
but Appajee Goundun has produced an Original
Grant from Booddee Naigue making it over to him for
ever. I proposed fully Enquiring into the Complaint when
I arrived at Booddee Naigue's but at present there seems
little Chance of that Polygar submitting any thing to my
Decision —

I have the Honor to be

Gentlemen

Your obed.t Serv.t

G.W.

Goochenoor
in Booddee Naigs Pollam
25 April 1795

To

Edward Saunders Esq

President & Members of the Board of the Revenue

Gentlemen

Late last Night I received a Sunnud from Booddenaigue Copy & Translation of which I have the Honor to enclose. The assertions in his Letter are trifling & untrue. I came here on my way to Booddenaignoor intending to stop at Gootinoor & Wosperpully 2 villages on the Circar Lands & the only ones in the Ootangottum Talook that I have not taken the Account of, these are two of the Villages mentioned in Mr Wrayham's letter of the 20 August to have been destroyed by the Polygar & fact I thought it necessary to ascertain — the Idea of my intending to take his Fort was Ridiculous as I had only a Peon & a Booddenaigue Peon with me & had previously assured him that I was convinced If his People did not act by his Authority why Does he not order them to desist On the Contrary he has sent his Armed Peons here & the Country people say 2000 & will not allow one of my people to go into the Pettah, The

Peons

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[illegible] you with me. No. 13 is [illegible] appropriately to [illegible]
compendent

proceeding through the Pollam & indeed the want of Provisions

would prevent it as I am [illegible] obliged to send a [illegible]

party of Mohyinnuttah [illegible] 44

your advance here Boodda Naig [illegible] Villages I am

told of a petty Mud fort at each [illegible]

Sepoys I should not hesitate going through the Pollam but

should you Gentlemen consider it expedient to [illegible]

this Pollam a larger force will be necessary as a party

of Sepoys must be left at Boodda Naigurr for [illegible]

The small forts at each Village should I think be

destroyed — × I have the Hon. to be

Gentlemen

Your obt. Servt.

G.W.

Gootheenoor

& Boodda 24 April 1795

× This is a very fine open Country & although the Monsoon is not in with violence all my people continue well.

No 38

To

Stephen Rumbold Lushington Esqr

Acting [illegible] of Revenue

Sir

[illegible] Petition from the Poligar of Mana[illegible] [illegible] &c under date the 4 April for the [illegible] which I have this day Received —

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Your obedt. Servt

G.W.

Gocharoor [illegible]

27 April 1795

No 39

To

Edward Saunders Esqr

President &c Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

I am concerned to inform you that I see no prospect of Poodee [illegible] Attoneing for his past conduct on the night of the 26 I had a conference with his Vakeel &c a confidential relation of his own I was in hopes that the Poligar had seen the Consequences of his Bad Conduct in

proper light [illegible] have made [illegible] unnecessary [illegible] as long as the matter properly been submitted to [illegible], begged that the whole of the next day to [illegible] the Boaddee Naig[illegible] sent his final answer: namely the [illegible] I gave up all thought of going through his [illegible] in other Respects of [illegible] it [illegible] out that he might take any [illegible] clearly ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ evinced to me that he was [illegible] the fact & only wanted to gain time [illegible] a larger number of Peons, finding them [illegible] bringing them to Reason I thought it better to move to [illegible] two ~~[illegible]~~ miles distant as the Inconvenience of [illegible] for all kinds of provisions particularly this Wet season was very great & unless the Peons met in [illegible] Round them [illegible] found at & a general opinion prevailed among the Natives that orders were given when sufficient Peons were assembled to surround me —

In my Letter of the 26th I mentioned my Intention of taking the [illegible] of Goodenoor & Worrapetty this for the present I am obliged to forgo as they are actually in the possession of Boaddee Naigue — Worrapetty is [illegible] for [illegible] [illegible] the Watching fees amount to 3 times that [illegible] & I understand Boaddee Naigue appropriates the greater

part

part of the Country & this [illegible] to be [illegible] of

S. built & Sunk [illegible] Polligars [illegible] orders offert for the Country

of Cultivating [illegible] Lands. I cannot pretend to inform you of the

Real Value of [illegible] Pollygar [illegible] but I apprehend about 1000

Chucks [illegible] Yet am [illegible] was entirely astonished at the

[illegible] already had offers to Rent it [illegible]

[illegible] to take [illegible] Border Rajas, the proposals

[illegible] as follows [illegible] Rented for 4 years 200 Chucks for the 1st

[illegible] Year & 500 for 3 & 4 [illegible] Rented for 7 years 200 Chuckrums

[illegible] 1 & 2d Year & 600 Chuckrums for the 5 following years the

reason for the great difference between 1 & 2 year is the absolute

Necessity for at least 500 Chucks they immediately advance

for Bullocks, Ploughs & raising Houses &c for the Inhabitants

which must be brought from other Villages their own

Village being entirely destroyed — I do not offer these proposals

for your immediate approval Gentlemen but only to convince

to you that the Country is worth something — I should certainly

think it incumbent on me to Rent the Lands in some

proportion to their Renting of them, but at present you will see

that it is Impossible — the Lands that these Polygars have

taken possession of considerably more than pay his Inhabitants

so that all has the [illegible] Revenue of his Pollam

certainly

... to himself [illegible] of the Villages about [illegible]

... taken 550 Koolies of [illegible]

Dellyngapoor — this grand [illegible]

the true quantity & nearly [illegible] rigid on 20 Cong[illegible]

of Ground belong to the Pa[illegible]

... the possession of a Village about [illegible]

by the Polygar to Appojee Goundan

[illegible] 1000 Chuckrums — Wishing to get

the Information in my power. I take the liberty of

Copy of Translation of both Grants, the originals [illegible]

[illegible] were produced to me. He has likewise possession

of the whole of the Goondoloor Rock on which I understand

there are 8 Villages by what Tenure held, the I know

not — but have been told that they were granted about 20 years

ago to Chuppany Naigue. This however I beg to observe

is a Report from the best Information I can at present procure

I am led to Believe the present Polygar is in no way related

to the family. The Pollam descended in 4 Generations from

Timmala Boodda Naigue being the one from whom they all

take their Title — It descended in a direct Line to Rama

Naigue; Sinkarappa Naigue, & Chuppany Naigue who

dying without Children his Wife jointly with the a

Cousin of Chuppany Naigue's Ruled the Pollam — the

dying

~~[illegible]~~ dying she then gave the Pollam to her own Brother Jung

Naigue who held it for 2 years & ~~and~~ dying without Children

Pattu of the present [illegible] Vanjama Naigue Polygar of

Gunti [illegible] Vellappa Naigue put the present Naigue

in [illegible] Possession [illegible] Commonly Inhabitant at Peaty

Permm[?] a Village in Booden Naigue's Pollam, The Present

Polygar has 2 Sons about 10 & 8 years of age & 2 Daughters who

[illegible] Condul Vanjama Naigue & Conda Ramas[illegible]

Naigue [illegible] ~~I before said~~ I had the Hon to inform you on ~~the~~ 25. last

I have had both Public & private Commu-
nication with Capt. Blair the Comdg Officer at Pyllung respecting
the Conduct of Vellanda Naigue he informs me that he is selling
off & Removing great quantity of Paddy & further adds that
the present it would oblige him to divide his force which
might be productive of an attack on the part of the Polygar
who is badly disposed — but that he would seize his Person
with Ease & without Danger when I ever designed it

Permit me to Observe Gentlemen that I am of opinion that
this will be the only means of Securing this Pollam [illegible]
& should you propose taking decided measures against
Booddea Naigue it would be attended with very good
Consequences on the Pyllung & Goodalore Districts[?] [illegible]
the having possession of Vellanda Naigue's Person would

to instantly permit his Peons for going in the ... to ... Troops you may order to Braddee ...

The ... No. 2 ...

Molaygemcottah : Gentlemen

29th April 1795

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No 42

To

Hugh Vaughan Esqr

Paymaster at Madura

Sir

I have the Honor to Enclose you Copy of a letter this Day Received from the Board of Revenue

I am

Sir

Your obt Servt

Molaygemcottah

30 April 1795

GW Collector

No 1

To

William Brown Esqr

Secy. to the Board of Revenue

Sir

I have this day received your letters of the 21 & 22d Ultmo the ... Currents should be forwarded as ...

tion as possible —

I have the Honor to Enclose my Diary of Mail Correspondence for the last Month —

I am

Sir

Your most obed^t Servt

Mahyemottah 1st May 95

G. M.

No 2

To

Josiah Webbe Esqr

Civil Secretary

Sir

I have the Honor to Enclose you Estimate of Probable Receipts & Disbursements for the Month of May —

I am

Sir

Your most obed^t Servt

Mahyemottah 5th May 1795

G. M.

No 3

To

William Brown Esqr

Secy to the Board of Revenue

Sir

Herewith I Enclose you Demand Collection & Registration Abstract for April —

I have

I have the Honor to be

Sir

Mohyenuttat — Your most obedient

5th May 1795

No. 5

To

Edward Saunders Esqr.

President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

In my letter of the 22 ult. I had the Honor to inform you that owing to 3 Tanks having been destroyed many Years past that 258 Cawny of Nunja Ground was entirely over grown by thick Jungle at Contai & Goodlaur. To render the Land productive will be attended with considerable Expense from 12 to 1400 Chuckrams, it will certainly not exceed that Sum — The produce thereof will in a few Years be considerable — I shall Estimate it as follows —

		Chuk
1 Year assessed at 3 Cullums per Cawny which will amt.	—	509..4..
2 Do.	7 Do.	1188..6
3 Do.	12 Do.	2037..6
4 Do.	7 Do.	2886..6

Should you approve of these Tanks being repaired 500 Chuckrams must be immediately advanced & you may depend the

the greatest care will be taken to Reduce the Expence as much as possible —

I have the Honr to be

Gentlemen

Your obt Servt

Madurai... 5th May 1795

GW —

No 7

Hugh Vaughan Esqr

Paymaster at Madura

Sir

In reply to your letter of the 4th May I have to Inform you that you will be Supplied with the whole of or such part of your Estimates at Dindigul as Bills are delivered for at the time — Refering you to my letters of the 25 & 30th ulto I Remain

Sir

Your obt Servt

Madurai... 7th May 1795

GW

Collector

To

Mr George Read

Dy. Asst. to the Board of Reven

Sir

I have recd your letter of the 1st Inst with its

Enclosure

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Endeavour of ... attend to the Contents

Melagoorchee

7th April 1795

No 10

To

Villaida Naigue

Poligar of Pyleny

The Horses that were coming from Tierigoorum during orders you Release them Immediately, & that you take no Customs on them the Person who delivers you this Demand you will immediately order the Horses to be delivered to him —

G W Collector

Melagoorchee

8th May 1795

No 12

To

Villaida Naigue

Poligar of Pyleny

I have to express my highest displeasure at the Repeated Instances of your disobedience to my orders I have written to you repeatedly you ~~have not answered~~ never Replied to my letters on the 4th of March I informed you of the Insolence of your Peadans in flogging the Company's Bandy Peon, on the 6 of March I ordered you to desist from arming Peons, contrary

of

of which you immediately received 1000 more, you have no plea for such Conduct, for in your intimating to me in February last by your Vakeel your inability to pay your Old Balance in consequence of the Oppression you had labored under from the late Collector of your fear of coming to me in consequence of your Peons having been twice put into Restraint. when you came to the Collector on his Circuit, I communicated to your Vakeel by your desire of Redressing those grievances of which you Complained of on every occasion I have done you Strict Justice when you Submitted your Complaints to me, Moottoo Chavergar having delivered a Petition to me can be no Excuse for your Conduct as it was the middle of March before I received such a paper Executed by your ill Conduct commenced in February when the Company's Daily Peon went to Receive your Kist, all these things you very well know — you have very bad advisers about you — the continuance of your Conduct — you well know I am going through all the Pollams to take an account of them & to ascertain their Value previous to the next Settlement of your Zemindary know that it is the Intention of Government to confirm those Polygars in their Pollams

that

at a fixed assessment never to be Raised as shall be made by
their good Conduct such a Mark of their favor You have now
held your Pollam for four years at a very low assessment & yet you Refuse
to Pay that Small Sum, I again write to you & hope you
will see the Consequences of your bad Conduct, depend on it
if you Immediately pay off your Old Ballance & pay your
Kists Regularly, you will at the Ensuing Settlement Receive
a Sunnud fixing you in your Pollam for ever at a certain
Tribute never afterwards to be Raised, but if you persist in
Refusing all Communication with me you cannot Expect
such favor to be Shewn to you — but it is the Intention of
Government to give a Separate Sunnud to Condum Naigue for
Jagoorty whom we immediately what Tribute he Pays you that
such deduction may be made from your Tribute — I now again
Warn you of the Consequences of not Returning to a proper
sense of your Duty Rely on it you will not be dispossessed of your
Pollam but from your own bad Conduct in Refusing to Pay
your Old Ballance & giving Proof of by Refusing to pay on
all occasions Obedience to the Company's Authority — I Expect
an Immediate Answer to this letter & that you will send
your Vakeel to pay the whole of the Ballance now due

Makyamettah
9th May 1795

G.W.
Collector

No 13

To
Rambadou Nayier
Polygar of Vatagurray

I have certain information that you have sent 10 armed Peons to assist Booddee Nayier in his disobedient & Rebellious Conduct I sent the Tahsildar Saumy to fully to apprize you of the Consequences, you have paid no attention to my order I now order you instantly to withdraw them if you do not I shall consider you equally Criminal with Booddee Nayier — your Pollam is only 15 miles from me I therefore expect you to attend me in person to account for your Conduct —

Geo: Wynch
Collector

Mohjemuttah
8th May 1795

To No 15

Vallaida Nayier

I am again informed of your total disobedience to my orders in assembling troops I warned you yesterday of such Conduct. I repeat my orders desist instantly or expect the Consequences of such Refractory Conduct — I have Repeatedly told you that Government will not permit any Polygar

Polygar to take justice in his own hands, if you have any
complaints Submit them to me —

Gto
Collector

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Mahjemettah
10th May 1795

No 16

Condum Naique
Polygar of Dogoody

I am informed that you have been arming
Peons & making disturbances in the borders of Veerapatchee it
is my positive orders that you immediately desist of it. If you
have any complaints to make send them to me & you will
then have justice done you —

Geo: Wynch
Collector

Mahjemettah
10 May 1795

No 17

To
Edward Saunders Esqr
President & Members of the Board of Revenue

Gentlemen

Late last night I was honored with your letter of
the 1st Inst. My letters of the 25, 26, & 29th Ultimo will I trust
have put you in possession of every Circumstance that occurred

at

at Goochenoor & vinced that I have used every means in my power
to bring Booddee Naygue to a Sense of his Duty without Effect
he will neither attend me in person, send up his Brother
the Chevergar or Pradanee or allow his Doors to be open to me—
he does not however pretend Ignorance of the Conduct of
his people —

Rambuddra Naygue, Polygar of Vadagerry has
assisted Booddee Naygue with 100 Peons, I send the Jemaldar
to him in person to explain fully the Consequences that
would Ensue to him from such Conduct — I have likewise
written him on the Subject —

Coppala Naygue Polygar of Veera
patchee hearing I was surrounded by Booddee Naygue Peons
sent to inform me he had ordered 1000 Peons to join
instantly wrote to prevent their proceeding informing [illegible]
I was sensible of his good Conduct — On the 5th the
Polygars of Pylney & Iyacody assembled a Considerable Number
of Peons & advanced to their boundary on the Veerupatchee
side in hopes to take possession of our Lands, I have
Recd a letter from Captn Oliver confirming this Account
Copy of which I take the liberty of Enclosing —

I [illegible]

I omitted to inform you that Nella Dadoo Vojaengy Naigue 103

Polygar of Verdaampetty joined me on the [illegible] Inst. with about

70 Peons offering if necessary to enlist for [illegible] of [illegible] matters

which I declined accepting - he returned at my desire

on the 6th Instant to Verdaampetty 52

I have uniformly refused

the assistance of Peons conceiving until I was in full

possession of your orders it was most consistent so to do -

I shall now inform you very fully of

the reasons for my forbearance in Respect to Gopaul Naigue

on the 17 of February I had the Honor to inform you that

no Military force would be necessary to put the Nella Dadoo

into possession of Verdaampetty of this gentleman I hope I

Governed, as he is quietly settled of carrying on the latter

nature of his Pollam, In the same letter I Recommended

the Seizure of Gopaul Naigue's person which I had little

doubt might be effected without trouble - I was favored

with your orders on the 15 of March if had it not been for

the death of the Cunneyvaudy Polygar which happened

on the 12th of March there is little doubt but I should

have Effected it Immediately - At the Expenditure of

about

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about 21 days, the funeral Ceremonies being over all the Polygars [illegible] settled on this business Returned to their Pollams except Gopaul Naigue who having married his Daughter to the Eldest Son of the deceased Polygar now remains to be considered as Manager for the Young Man & as his Mahar Pollam is Estimated the 2d in Value of those in this district he never leaves Cunnyvardy but for short Intervals & then always attended by the Cunnyvardy Peons in great State — this has hitherto prevented my getting possession of his Person an Object which I am very Anxious to Effect I can at all times take Possess- of his Pollam but I conceived it most imprudent at present to take direct for several Reasons which I shall Submit to You — more particularly as the Company now Receive their Shares Regularly from both (these) Pollams those of Gopaul Naigue are not paid in consequence of any exile on the part of the Circar — My motives Getting on these, the Instant I sequester his Pollam he becomes an Avowed Enemy & being I understand of a very turbulent Disposition would probably take an Active part at Cunnyvardy which might be

attended

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extended into any unpleasant [illegible] particularly when you had made an [illegible] Subaltern

Especially this Officer — I depend [illegible] that it is entirely my wish that any Man who thinks any injury was done him [illegible] should have an opportunity of being in his own defence — Every Man has Enemies, it is therefore that I should Recommend Your forbearance, any thing that can be done on my part to effect the Security of his Person if so desirable an object cannot be Effected on my Return I pass through [illegible] I shall put the Country under Severance, [illegible] in the [illegible] I propose putting [illegible] Management.

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

To No 20

Edward Saunders Esqr

President & Members of the B^d of Revenue

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 28th ult^o [illegible]

I had the Honor to Receive [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

of ... called a Nazzur, Copy of which I enclose ... Nazzur of Your determination ... his favour —

I Regret that the Want of Records here should have occasioned my Intercession for your Candidate's Claims that had already been decided ... the Complaint appeared to me of a very serious Nature & knowing your Intention of Investing the several Polygars at the Expiration of their Pishcush by a Sunnud from Government I thought it my duty to forward the Complaint without loss of time —

I am extremely concerned you should deem my Conduct inattention of Conduct ... & you will I trust excuse my endeavoring to Exculpate myself from charges so degrading & ... as I trust they will prove unmerited —

3d Paragraph — You are pleased to observe that I did not state on what Grounds I asserted that the disposing of the Villages in charge would be a measure very gratifying to any Polygar in the District — I had the Honor to in the 2d Paragraph of my letter to inform you that the facts had been Confirmed by the Vakils of the several Polygars — the Claim having been decided on ... becomes unnecessary or ... ... the attestation of the Polygars themselves —

You are pleased to caution me

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Against offering any opinion which my being in the Office ... the Polygars a distrust of the Stability of the measures of Government & etc. was conveyed through former Collectors, should I err in this Respect the fault must Rest with my Predecessors who have Removed any Documents by which I Could be guided—

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Paragraph 4th — You will Pardon my saying that in this Instance there was no great degree of Credulity for I formed my opinion not on the assertions of Mortoo Chavungar but on the fact of Vallaida Naigue having last year Removed every thing of Value to Nattam and his preparing this year to act in like manner Although he is now ~~above~~ near 12,000 Chucks in arrears to the Company—

You order me Gentlemen to Enforce the orders of Government in 1792 against Mortoo Chavungar, this is certainly not in my power he came to me on the 12 of March for Cowle that I granted him he Remained a few days with me since which I have never seen or had Communication with him—

Paragraph 5th— It was the 12 of March before I knew that such a person as Mortoo Chavungar existed how therefore my Conference with him the middle of March could Justify the Conduct of Vallaida Naigue in ordering the Company's Badge

Peon

Peon and for his Deceit in going to be flogged if ill treated I know not — I sincerely hope that the future Conduct of this Man may merit the high Opinion you have formed in his favor —

Paragraph 7 — Had I been in possession of the Proceedings you have favored me with I should have spared myself the unpleasant task of Recapitulating the Murder of Veeparoy Naique, by Condein Naique of Joyardy — but you will I trust not accuse me of Credulity in this Respect, when the fact is proved in the Proceedings of the 20 October Paragraph 4 & confirmed in the 6 Paragraph of those Proceedings by Camarro Moorigar who appeared on the part of Vallardin Naique —

In my Letter of the 22d March I had the Honor to transmit you an Account of Revenues drawn from Pylong in the year 1788 amounting to Pagodas 9180 — Why Gentlemen you should suppose that the Amuldar received Credit of actually pay into the Circar such Sums as he had not Read, this I know not, I fear it too often happens that the Circar Receives less than its due never more — Camara Pilly was Amuldar at the time of they are Copy of the Public Accounts they were passed by Said Saib —

In